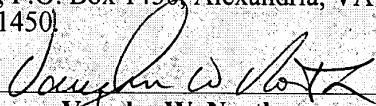
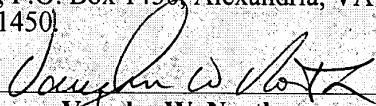
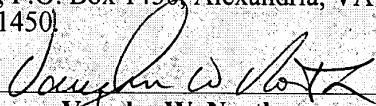


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**Specification Amendment**

Please replace the Abstract of the present application, given on page 26 of the specification, with the following abstract: